

myeloma, which has translated better therapies, prolonged remission rates for cancer survivors and improved the quality of life for many of his patients. Moreover, his commitment may ultimately lead to a cure for the most challenging and misunderstood of all cancers.

On May 8, 2004, Dr. Barlogie was awarded the International Myeloma Foundation's Second Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award. This award, which is being given for only the second time, recognizes the significant and revolutionary work of his professional career. This award follows an already long and distinguished line of accomplishments.

Arkansas was well on its way to becoming the center for myeloma clinical research and treatment when Dr. Barlogie accepted the position of director of hematology/oncology, and director of research at the Arkansas Cancer Research Center, (ACRC), at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, (UAMS), and founding director of the Myeloma and Transplantation Research Center, MTRC, within the ACRC. His research team has developed innovative and comprehensive approaches to the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma. Because of his leadership role in the area of myeloma research and treatment, he was named the first director of a newly established Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy.

During Dr. Barlogie's 15-year tenure at UAMS, more myeloma patients have been treated in Arkansas than anywhere else in the world. Yet, despite his gains in this area, myeloma continues to affect thousands. This year, approximately 15,000 Americans will be diagnosed with myeloma. Looking to the future, Dr. Barlogie envisions a satellite-based intensive training program which will reach physicians worldwide so that many of these patients treated at the institute will have access to specialized medical care upon returning to their home States or countries.

Of paramount importance to Dr. Barlogie are his wife Kathleen and their three children, Britta, Eva, and Bart. He loves them dearly and credits their support for his success. They have made their home in Little Rock, AR, and have added a number of their own contributions to our community and State.

We thank Dr. Barlogie for making Arkansas the center of his professional and personal life. His past and future achievements have truly helped make the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the Arkansas Cancer Research Center, and the Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy very respectable among the premier health care institutions in the State. More importantly, through his work, Dr. Barlogie has had concrete and positive impacts on the everyday lives of thousands of his patients. His commitment to this cause is incredible: he is saving

lives and providing hope for millions more.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ALLAN RAMSAY, JR.

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Allan Ramsay, Jr., assistant regional chief administrative law judge and Cleveland Hearing Office chief administrative law judge, who passed away on May 18, 2004.

I have always been a strong advocate of public service, and a staunch supporter of those who put service before self. Serving the citizens of the great State of Ohio for over 22 years, Judge Ramsay was one of those individuals. His dedication to his profession and to helping others reflected his compassion and devotion to his fellow citizens.

Appointed to the Cleveland Hearing Office of the Social Security Administration as an administrative law judge in 1982, Judge Ramsay worked tirelessly to improve the lives of more than 15,000 people who turned to the Social Security Administration in their times of need. From 1992 to 1997, he served as the chief administrative law judge in the Social Security Hearing Office in Columbus, OH. In 1997, he returned to Cleveland as the chief judge of that office, and in 1999 he became the assistant regional chief administrative law judge, while maintaining his leadership position in the Cleveland Hearing Office.

Throughout his distinguished career, Judge Ramsay touched the lives of countless individuals. His career is a shining example of public service of which the people of Ohio and the rest of the Nation should be proud.

Judge Ramsay held himself to a high standard and his service to our Nation reflects that. Judge Ramsay is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and his two children. In this time of great loss, my condolences go out to the entire Ramsay family. I can only hope that they will find solace in the thoughts and prayers of loved one, friends, and all those whose lives were bettered through his work.

May God bless Judge Allan Ramsay and his entire family.●

#### TRIBUTE TO R. PRESTON WOODRUFF, JR.

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an Arkansan who has committed over a quarter of a century of his life creating programs that enhance access to higher education for Arkansans.

During his tenure as chairman of the board of directors and then as executive director for the Arkansas Student Loan Authority, ASLA, Mr. R. Preston Woodruff, Jr., has unselfishly shared his knowledge and talents to ensure that students are equipped with the financial resources needed to become future leaders in our State and our Nation.

Programs established under Preston's leadership include: EdLoan—a

special loan for Arkansas teachers which offers incredibly low interest rates for those who choose to remain in Arkansas to teach in grades K through 12. Student Outreach Services—a program available to all Arkansas schools which provides materials and seminars to high school counselors and their students in order to promote the benefits of higher education and the means to achieve a higher education. Student Advantage Scholarships—25 scholarships awarded annually by ASLA. This program was formed as a means to create interest in the financial aid process and to provide funds to assist in gaining access to higher education. Honor Roll Student Loan Borrower Benefit Program—a program that offers the lowest student loan interest rates available to Arkansas students.

Preston was also instrumental in establishing the Education Finance Council, EFC, an association of not-for-profit State student loan secondary markets that played an important role in influencing legislation regarding the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

On June 30, 2004, Preston will officially retire from his position as executive director for ASLA. He is a living example of the many outstanding Americans who were born and educated in Arkansas, and I am privileged to recognize his tireless commitment to Arkansas students and outstanding leadership as executive director of the Arkansas Student Loan Authority.●

#### HONORING ERIC SIMON, GRADUATING SENIOR OF NEW PRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL, NEW PRAGUE, MN

● Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a fine young man, Eric Simon, who will be graduating from New Prague High School in Minnesota on Friday, June 4, 2004.

Eric Simon has earned my respect because of the extraordinary courage he has demonstrated in confronting one of life's most difficult challenges. Eric's father has AIDS, and he has lost his mother and sister to AIDS.

During the early 1980s, Eric's father, Douglas Simon, served in the Army National Guard at Fort Benning, GA and during his service he was injured and required emergency medical surgery. During surgery, Douglas Simon required a nine-unit blood transfusion. The blood he received had not been screened as it should have been, and it contained the AIDS virus.

Eric and his brother, Brian, were spared from the ravages of the disease, but they have had to shoulder adult responsibilities since they were children. Since he was a boy, Eric has handled the grocery shopping, worried about paying the bills and cared for his father.

Sometimes Eric has had to listen to some unpleasant and even mean-spirited comments from people who don't understand what his family has been